

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following Examiner-defined groups: Group I: claims 1-4; Group II: claim 5; and Group III: claims 6.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-4), with traverse. Applicants argue that, while claims 1, 5 and 6 have different limitations, these claims are linked by a single inventive concept, and thus the same search can cover all claims.

Election Requirement

The Examiner has required an election among the Examiner-defined species listed on pages 2 and 3 of the January 29, 2009 Restriction and Election Requirement. During a February 9, 2009 telephone conversation the Examiner that multiple elections were required, and that the January 2009 Election requirement made this clear.

Applicants elect:

- I) the Examiner-defined species corresponding to a mixture of gold and silver nanoparticles. This elected species corresponds to claim 2.
- II) the Examiner-defined species corresponding to a mixture of activated alumina and activated magnesia. This elected species corresponds to claim 2.
- III) the Examiner-defined species corresponding to the substrate of powder. This elected species corresponds to claim 3.
- IV) the Examiner-defined species corresponding to compositions including activated carbon. This elected species corresponds to claim 4.

Claim 1 is generic. Applicants request, that upon the allowance of a generic or linking claim, claims directed to unelected species be rejoined and examined.

Applicants reserve all rights in the non-elected claims and species to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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